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For: DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIATION OF EUBACTERIAL
TAXA USING A HYBRIDIZATION ASSAY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form bearing the OIPE date-stamped of May 20, 2005. Specifically, the PTO-1449 Form returned with the Office Action of September 11, 2007, does not include the Examiner's initials next to the International Search Report. The entirety of the PTO-1449 Form has been initialed by the Examiner on September 3, 2007, and the other references indicated as having been specifically considered by initialing next to each of the references. The International Search Report however does not include in the left-hand column the Examiner's initials. A completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

The present Request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of September 11, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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